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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please enter the following amendment prior to publication and examination of this
application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph on page 6 starting at line 8, ending at line 21, and beginning
with the words, "Each of valves 84," and substitute therefor the following paragraph.

Each of valves 84, 88, 92, 96, 100, 104 and 108 denote a task flow modulation associated
with a modulating agent. Inbound flow valve 84 is effectively opened for inflow by the T-Plan,
and surge yard reservoir 60 must be prepared to accept the increase in level. Surge-to-receiving
flow valve 88 is modulated by the need to move railcars from surge yard reservoir 60, and the